



# Southern Maine Library District

## Annual Report

July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006

*The purpose of the Maine Regional Library System is to promote improved service for the constituents of member libraries. The Regional System includes the Central, Northeastern, and Southern Maine Library Districts. The Southern District consists of Cumberland and York counties and five Oxford county towns.*



*SMLD Executive Board members at the Annual Board Meeting  
Scarborough, June 16, 2006*

(left to right, front row) **Susan Trent**, Trustee, Scarborough Public Library (1); **Suzanne Hamilton**, Yarmouth High School; **Elizabeth Reisz**, York School Department; **Linda Lord**, Maine State Library (2); (left to right, back row) **Barbara Merritt**, Scarborough School Department; **Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library (2); **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland (2); **Amber Tatnall**, York County Community College, Wells; **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; and **Meteena Edwards**, Naples Public Library (not in photo) **Joan Bennert**, Greater Portland Landmarks, Portland; **Thomas Bennett**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland [Chair]; **Sheldon Kaye**, Portland Public Library (4); **Brigit McCallum**, Trustee, Waterboro Public Library (3); **Priscilla Payne**, Gray Public Library (4); **Stephen Podgajny**, Portland Public Library (2)

(1) appointed 5/19/06 (2) ex officio (3) term expired 5/19/06 (4) resigned

### STAFF

**Shirley Helfrich**, District Consultant; **Elaine Bissonnette**, District Secretary

*Dedicated to George Richard Parks 1935 – 2005*

## SOUTHERN MAINE LIBRARY DISTRICT HIGHLIGHTS 2005 – 2006



Janet McKenney leads a Web Design Workshop. Harrison Village Library, April 25, 2005



Chinese School Dragon at the 2005 Summer Reading Celebration Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport



SMLD Council Meeting November 4, 2005. Jean Ellis, Bagaduce Music Lending Library

### Library Make-Over Teams



Jean Stanley, Cori McGrath, Kathy Hawkes  
Kezar Falls Circulating Library



Maureen Cole, Barbara Merritt, Cori McGrath, Shirley Helfrich  
Hollis Center Public Library



Karen Valley, Cori McGrath, Joanne Rogers  
Orrs Island Library



School Librarians' Meeting  
February 1, 2006  
Greely Middle School, Cumberland



Speaker Melissa Orth at the Young Adult Services Meeting, May 23, 2006  
Falmouth Memorial Library



Speaker Elaine Stanley at the Reference Librarians' Meeting  
April 27, 2006. USM/Portland

# SOUTHERN MAINE LIBRARY DISTRICT

## Annual Report

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### District Goals

- I. Increase public awareness, use, and support of Maine libraries
- II. Facilitate professional development and continuing education
- III. Encourage resource sharing and regional cooperation
- IV. Foster literacy
- V. Improve communication among libraries, library organizations, and other groups
- VI. Foster improved library service

### CONTINUING EDUCATION

#### Children's Librarians Meetings (*attendance: 58*)

Consisting of sharing sessions and guest speaker presentations, the Westbrook and Falmouth meetings were held for public library staff only. The Cumberland meeting attracted both school and public library staff; the topic of library collaboration is extremely popular with both groups.

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| ○ "Summer Reading Programs"             | Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook | November 17, 2005 |
| ○ "School/Public Library Collaboration" | Greely Middle School, Cumberland   | February 1, 2006  |
| ○ "MARVEL! Databases"                   | Portland Public Library            | February 16, 2006 |
| ○ "Young Adult Services"                | Falmouth Memorial Library          | May 23, 2006      |

#### Children's and Young Adult Book Review Meetings (*attendance: 259*)

Monthly book review meetings were held at the Portland Public Library to review publisher copies of new children's books and to discuss topics such as censorship, graphic novels, and young adult books with an adult theme. Books received are processed for the **Maine Examination Collection**; a total of 2,880 books and audiovisual items from 80 publishers were received this year, an increase of 7% over last year. Librarians reviewed 82% of the titles received.

#### Public Library Director Meetings (*attendance: 96*)

Especially helpful to new directors, these regional meetings provide a forum for problem solving and discussion of current issues. Guest speakers appear at some meetings: MSLN Circuit Rider Janet McKenney discussed blogs at the Bridgton meeting held in April and Raymond librarian Barbara Thorpe talked about the proposed public library standards revisions at the Naples meeting. Another advantage of these meetings is the opportunity to see new buildings such as the Berwick and Harrison libraries.

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| Yapping Yorkies                     | Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish   | September 20, 2005 |
| Talking Heads                       | Berwick Public Library             | October 7, 2005    |
| Loose Librarians/Chattering Cheeses | Harrison Village Library           | October 14, 2005   |
| Yapping Yorkies                     | Berwick Public Library             | January 17, 2006   |
| Loose Librarians                    | Naples Public Library              | January 20, 2006   |
| Talking Heads                       | South Portland Public Library      | January 27, 2006   |
| Yapping Yorkies                     | Limerick Public Library            | April 24, 2006     |
| Loose Librarians                    | Bridgton Public Library            | April 28, 2006     |
| Talking Heads                       | Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook | April 28, 2006     |
| Talking Heads                       | Thomas Memorial Library            | June 23, 2006      |

### **School Librarian Meetings** (*attendance: 56*)

School and public librarians were welcomed at these meetings held at SMLD school libraries:

- “Making the Most of MARVEL! in the Middle/High School”      Scarborough High School  
November 16, 2006
- “Using MARVEL! in the Elem. School”      Wells Elementary School  
January 10, 2006
- “School/Public Library Collaboration”      Greely Middle School  
February 1, 2006
- “Finding Outside Funding for Programs & Resources”      Riverton School, Portland  
March 21, 2006

### **Trustee Meetings**

#### **Annual Public Library Trustee Forum** (*attendance: 65*)

Held at the Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook, May 2, 2006, four small group sessions were held: “Donors and Annual Fund Drives” (**Bill Wahl**, Casco Public Library Trustee); “Revisions to the Maine Public Library Standards” (**Barbara Thorpe**, Director, Raymond Village Library, and **Steve Nichols**, Maine Library Trustee Association President); “Liability, Policies, Board Meetings” (**Matt Pollack**, Topsham Public Library Board); and “MARVEL!” (**Elizabeth Tarasevich**, Reference Librarian, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland). Guest speaker **Beth Edmonds**, Maine Senate President and Freeport Community Library Director, presented ideas about advocating for libraries at the local and state level.

#### **Regional Trustee Meetings**

Led by Casco Library board president **Bill Wahl**, trustees in the “Loose Librarians” area (the Sebago Lakes region) formed their own regional group. At their meetings, they invited guest speakers and had discussions about fundraising, policies, and many other trustee matters. The meetings were so successful that some of the participants formed a second group in the New Gloucester region. Other trustees have indicated an interest in a York County group.

### **Web Design Workshop** (*attendance: 9*)

One of SMLD’s current objectives was to help the 24 public libraries without websites to develop basic sites. Staff from these libraries were invited to a hands-on web design workshop led by MSLN Circuit Rider Janet McKenney at the Harrison Village Library on April 25, 2005. The following libraries now have websites: Brownfield Public Library; Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford; Harrison Village Library; Hollis Center Public Library; Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram; Steep Falls Library, Standish; and the Waterford Library Association.

## **CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Under construction: **Sacopee Valley Middle School**, Hiram.

Planning Stage: **Falmouth Memorial Library**; **Hurd Library**, North Berwick; **Portland Public Library**; **Scarborough Public Library**; **South Berwick Public Library**; **Waterboro Public Library**.

## **COUNCIL MEETINGS**

Fall Meeting (*attendance: 68*)

“**Hidden Treasures in Maine Libraries**,” Friday, November 4, 2005, Keeley Banquet Center, Portland. Speakers: **Jean Ellis**, Bagaduce Music Lending Library, Blue Hill; **Abraham Schechter**, Portland Public Library; **Elaine Stanley**, Maine State Library; **Sarah Sykes** and **Yolanda Theunissen**, Osher Map Library, USM, Portland. Poster Sessions featured special collections and services from the Bagaduce Music Lending Library, Blue Hill; Maine Historical Society, Portland; Maine Irish Heritage Center, Portland; Maine Medical Center Archives, Portland; Maine State Library; Maine Women Writers Collection, Westbrook College Campus, UNE; Osher Map Library & Smith Center for Cartographic Education/USM, Portland; Portland Room, Portland Public Library; and Shaker Library

Spring Meeting (*attendance: 75*) [*held jointly with the Central Maine Library District*]

“**Together We Are Better -- Great Library Service Through Cooperation & Collaboration**,”

May 19, 2006, Lewiston Public Library. The program included: A Multi-Type Community Read – **Betsy Pohl**, Lithgow Public Library, Augusta; Letterboxing, Orienteering, Library Tours, and Community

Reads – **Deb Clark**, Stephens Memorial Hospital, Norway and **Ann Siekman**, Norway Memorial Library; Reader Dog Downeast – **Candy Emlen**, Southwest Harbor Public Library, **M.J. Penn** and **Kelvin** the dog; Boys to Men – **Sue Downes Borko**, Rangeley Public Library; Collaborative Programming – **Kristi Belesca**, Portland Public Library; **Dotti Morales**, Camden Public Library; **Anna Romer**, Hobbs Memorial Library, Lovell; Collaborative Projects – **Nancy Crowell**, Scarborough Public Library; **Susan Nester**, Southern Maine Community College, South Portland; and Family Place Libraries, Maine – **Kathleen Deerr**, National Director.

### **FAMILY SUMMER READING CELEBRATION** (*attendance 1,150*)

Maine authors **Scott Nash** and **Matt Tavares**, and Vermont author **Rebecca Rupp** talked about their books at the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Celebration for summer reading participants held August 19, 2005, at the Seashore Trolley Museum in Kennebunkport. Authors and entertainment were selected based on Maine's statewide summer reading theme "Dragons, Dreams, and Daring Deeds": a Chinese school's dragon, daring deeds by acrobats, balloon dragons, and a scavenger hunt with dragon signs. Book prizes were given to all children who completed the scavenger hunt, almost 400 books in all. Adults and children alike enjoyed free rides on the restored historic trolleys.

### **LIBRARY MAKEOVERS**

Capitalizing on the national interest in makeovers, this new project was begun to help libraries become more attractive and efficient. Old curtains and furniture were discarded, books were weeded, merchandising techniques were applied, new paint colors and furniture were suggested. Everyone involved felt happy with the results, and work continues to be done. The makeover team consisted of Cori McGrath and Richard Tucker, Tucker Library Interiors; Sandy McGowan, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; Scarborough school librarian Barbara Merritt; Walker Memorial Library director Karen Valley; and District Consultant Shirley Helfrich plus local staff and volunteers. The team spent one day at each of the five libraries selected: **Hollis Center Public Library**, **Kezar Falls Circulating Library**, **Lebanon Town Library**, **Orrs Island Library**, and **Soldiers Memorial Library**, Hiram. A total of 14 libraries applied; rural public libraries and all elementary school libraries were invited to apply.

### **LIBRARY OF THE MONTH**

Libraries in new or renovated facilities were featured on the SMLD website for its "**Library of the Month**" page, begun in 2001 to provide information about member libraries: Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin; Brownfield Public Library; Yarmouth Elementary School; Greely Middle School, Cumberland; Berwick Public Library; Wells Elementary School; Yarmouth High School; Mid Coast Hospital Health Sciences Library, Brunswick; Kennebunk Elementary School; and the New Gloucester Public Library.

Other libraries were featured to highlight their special collections: Maine Women Writers Collection, Westbrook College Campus, University of New England; and the Portland Room, Portland Public Library. The website includes building photos and information about staff, collections, and service.

### **NEWSLETTERS**

"**News Notes**," the District's newsletter for member libraries was published and mailed in August 2005, December 2005, March 2006, and June 2006. It is also accessible on the SMLD web site. The newsletter includes a calendar of events, newsworthy items about member libraries, and statewide library news.

### **ORIENTATION FOR NEW SMLD MEMBERS** (*attendance: 8*)

Held November 10, 2005 at the Portland Public Library, this annual tour and informational session is held for new librarians and trustees. Participants are shown a video about SMLD's history and services; provided with informational packets; and informed of district policies and procedures. The group is then led on a library tour, with special emphasis on regional services –interlibrary loan, circulation, and reference.

### **PROFESSIONAL COLLECTION**

There are currently 661 books, videos and audiocassettes with 24 new titles added during the year. The collection is listed on the SMLD web site and new titles are promoted in the district newsletter. Circulation for the year totaled 126 loans.



## **PUBLIC RELATIONS**

The SMLD Public Relations Committee compiled library **exhibits and demonstrations** for three events: the “Living Well, Aging Well” Symposium held at Westbrook College/UNE, Portland on October 29, 2005; the Neighborhood Conference at the Holiday Inn by the Bay, Portland, on December 14, 2005; and the Elders Day program held at the Portland Expo on May 16, 2006. The exhibits provided information about MARVEL!, Talking Books, and library services for seniors.

## **REFERENCE LIBRARIANS** (*attendance: 54*)

New this year was the formation of a reference librarians group from public and academic libraries, created to help improve SMLD reference service. A list of librarians willing to conduct MARVEL! trainings was compiled and several trainings were organized. Participants shared information about their work, MARVEL! experiences and trainings, and outlined ideas for improving reference service. State Library webmaster Ellen Wood and Reference Librarian Elaine Stanley heard suggestions from the group about MARVEL! publicity and website changes. Continuing education will be included at each session; PPL’s Reference Department Head Suzanne Thompson talked about the ValueLine database at the spring meeting. The group met three times during the year (PPL, Scarborough Public Library, and USM). Quarterly meetings are planned for next year.

## **TRAVELING CREAM OF THE CROP CHILDREN’S AND YA BOOK COLLECTION.**

Compiled by a volunteer committee of SMLD librarians for the annual “Reading Round-Up of Children’s and Young Adult Literature Conference,” the collection of recommended new books was loaned to the following schools and libraries: Porter Memorial Library, Machias (July); Millinocket Memorial Library (August); Cumston Public Library, Monmouth (September); Skidompha Library, Damariscotta (October); Stewart Public Library, North Anson (November); Gardiner Regional Middle School (December); Gorham High School (January); Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham (February); Limerick Public Library (March); Bangor Public Library (April/May); and Searsport Middle/High School (June).

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## **AREA REFERENCE AND RESOURCE CENTER**

The Portland Public Library serves as the SMLD Area Reference and Resource Center (ARRC) and receives state aid for providing interlibrary loan, backup reference service and free borrowers’ cards for SMLD libraries and patrons.

**Interlibrary Loan** requests from SMLD libraries increased this past year. Of more than 20,000 requests from libraries and patrons, 65% were from SMLD libraries. Other figures of interest -- 40% of requests were filled from PPL holdings, and the 30% of SMLD requests not available at any in-state libraries were obtained via OCLC. District libraries were overwhelmingly positive about a new ILL service, e-mail notification of status reports, which has greatly increased efficiency.

**The Reference Department** added *Mergent Online* to its databases offerings. Mergent provides financial information for more than 10,000 publicly held corporations, plus annual reports, historical data, and equity reports. It is accessible from home by entering the PPL library card barcode. A pilot project was begun with the Curtis Memorial Library in Brunswick – *offsite registration* for a PPL library card – in order to facilitate district use of the databases. Future plans involve adding more district public and high school libraries.

**The Circulation Department** reports that of the 76,090 PPL borrowers cards, 20,012 are from SMLD borrowers and 2,028 *new* cards were issued to SMLD borrowers during the year. Anyone in the District with appropriate identification is eligible to obtain a free PPL borrower’s card.

## **EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETINGS**

September 16, 2005	York County Community College, Wells
October 14, 2005	Yarmouth High School
February 3, 2006	McArthur Public Library, Biddeford
March 17, 2006	Maine Women Writers Collection, Westbrook College/UNE, Portland
June 16, 2006	Dunstan School Restaurant, Scarborough (Annual Meeting)

## VOLUNTEER COMMITTEES

### Children's Book Review Hostesses

**Mary Lou Boucouvalas**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Virginia Calvo**, Acton Elementary School; **Louise Capizzo**, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Joan Connick**, Portland; **Sheila Dube**, Springvale Public Library; **Laurie Dunlap**, Frank Jewett School, West Buxton; **Phyllis Fuchs**, Brunswick; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Kelley Goodfield**, South Hiram Elementary School; **Jan Hamilton**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Kathie Harper**, Cumberland; **Pat Larrabee**, Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook; **Sally Leahey**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford; **Joanne Libby**, Freeport Community Library; **Barbara Merritt**, Scarborough Schools; **Bernadette Monette**, Saco Valley Jr./Sr. High School; **Laurel Parker**, Windham Public Library; **Kristin Peto**, Scarborough Public Library; **Sybil Shiland**, H. B. Emery School; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library; **Margaret Wentworth**, Durham; **Kris Zuidema**, Edna Libby School, Sebago Lake

### Cream of the Crop

**Louise Capizzo**, Falmouth Memorial Library; **Kathy George**, Gray Public Library; **Kathie Harper**, Cumberland; **Leslie Rounds**, Wells Public Library; **Marilyn Taylor**, Scarborough Public Library; **Vicky Smith**, McArthur Public Library, Biddeford

### Nominating

**Barbara Merritt**, Scarborough School Department; **Liz Reisz**, York School Department; **Amber Tatnall**, York County Community College, Wells

### Public Relations

**Marjorie Anderson**, Mercy Hospital, Portland; **Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Carolyn Hughes**, University of Southern Maine, Portland; **Lisa Joyce**, Portland Public Library; **Kathy Kigin**, Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook; **Lynn McCarthy**, Riverton School, Portland (*representative to the statewide library pr committee*)

### Summer Reading

**Mary Lou Boucouvalas**, Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport; **Kirsten Cappy**, CuriousCity; **Elizabeth Forrest**, Kennebunk Free Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; **Phil Morse**, Seashore Trolley Museum, Kennebunkport; **Martha Perkins**, Dyer Library, Saco

### Trustee Forum

**Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Brigit McCallum**, Trustee, Waterboro Public Library; **Steve Nichols**, Trustee, West Buxton Public Library

## OFFICE OPERATING BUDGET:

\$9,200.00

<u>EXPENSES</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>
Books/AV/Subscriptions	\$ 560.00	\$ 856.44
Cont. Educ./Staff Development	1,800.00	2,398.65
Contractual Services	100.00	0
Equipment/Software	100.00	320.08
Parking	540.00	540.00
Phone	300.00	181.09
Postage (1 <sup>st</sup> class, lib.rate)	1,180.00	1,352.24
Printing/Photocopying	750.00	174.01
Photocopier Rental	1,320.00	1,093.51
Promotion & Publicity (exhibits)	100.00	52.61
Supplies (folders, paper, labels)	750.00	736.36
Travel	<u>1,700.00</u>	<u>1,579.12</u>
Sub-total	\$9,200.00	\$9,284.11

BALANCE

\$ -84.11

## MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM PROJECTS

*The three library Districts in the Maine Regional Library System -- Central, Northeastern and Southern -- worked together on the following projects and programs.*

### ADVOCACY TRAINING MEETING

Senate President Beth Edmonds and Portland lawyer James Cohen spoke to Maine librarians and trustees at the Senator Inn in Augusta on November 30, 2005, about the importance of library advocacy and how to become active participants in the legislative process. Suggestions included developing a key message, shadowing legislators, mailing library newsletters, and thanking legislators with personal notes.

### MAINE LIBRARY EXCELLENCE AWARD

The South Portland Public Library received the 2<sup>nd</sup> Maine Library Excellence Award for its adult summer reading program. The awards program is open to public library applicants with one-time or longstanding public programs.

South Portland's winning program began when a staff member, commenting on the many activities for children's summer reading programs, asked "Why should kids have all the fun?" Adults who signed up were given a reading log to keep track of book titles and authors for their fiction, nonfiction and audiobook readings. Readers were eligible for weekly and grand prizes during the eight week program. Prizes were donated by city departments (bus and museum tickets) and a local bookstore. Two other libraries have copied the program, a simple and low cost way to engage new readers. The library received a cash award and a plaque from State Librarian Gary Nichols at a local recognition ceremony.

A statewide committee worked on the guidelines for the award and judges from other New England states selected the winning project.

### PUBLIC AWARENESS CAMPAIGN

The Hall of Flags at the State Capitol was filled with banners, demonstrations and displays about MARVEL! on January 11, 2006 during **Maine Libraries Week**. Among the legislators and visitors who perused the displays was Governor John E. Baldacci who was given a personal demonstration of business databases. Produced especially for the event and handed to legislators were MARVEL! business cards with information about the available resources. A new MARVEL! banner was unveiled.

A public relations idea discussed this year was the purchase of a **mascot** to represent libraries. A sub-committee is exploring costume possibilities and plans to have a mascot for the 2007 Maine Libraries Week celebration at the Hall of Flags.

The **website** for the public created by the statewide pr committee, Mainelibraries.com, is being updated with new featured libraries and library users. Traffic to the site has increased and more librarians are adding their programs, booksales, and events to the website. Plans are being made to incorporate the website's database of library information with the Maine State Library database.

The three District Consultants and representatives from the three district public relations committees confer regularly via conference call to coordinate regional exhibits, publicity, special events and to discuss future plans. The annual planning meeting for members of all three district committees was held in July at the Belfast Public Library.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY DIRECTORS' INSTITUTE AND ORIENTATION

Dee Kelsey, a consultant and co-author of *Great Meetings!* presented ideas about improving meeting productivity to the 75 public library directors at this year's Institute. Held June 13, 2006, at the Augusta Civic Center, library directors were also able to learn about podcasting, computer maintenance, and library exhibits during the Institute. The program included an update by members of library associations and a panel of speakers about book programs for young adults, adult summer reading, and downloadable audiobooks. Special guests at this year's program were library school students from the University of South Carolina program; most of them work at Maine public libraries and plan to become directors.

The largest attendance to date for the new directors' orientation was the result of including these library students in the orientation program. The orientation was held June 12 at the Maine State Library and consisted of a library tour, state library staff presentations, and a dinner.



## READING ROUND-UP OF CHILDREN'S & YOUNG ADULT LITERATURE

**Michael Sullivan**, author of *Connecting Boys with Books*, delivered the keynote address, "**Boys and Books: A Vital Connection**" at the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Reading Round-Up of Children's & Young Adult Literature held at the Augusta Civic Center on April 13, 2006. The conference sold out once again with over 350 librarians and teachers in attendance -- the majority from school libraries. In addition to the display of outstanding new books -- "Cream of the Crop," 12 workshops were held -- "Promoting Books to Boys: Booktalking Like You've Never Seen It," "Using Maps in the Classroom," "Preschool Program Potpourri," "Newest Maine Children's Chapter Books," "Read Your Way Through Canada," "Literature-Based Programming for Boys," "Picture Books: Making Choices," "Newest Maine Picture Books," and "Series Fiction for the Elementary Age."

## SCOOP PURCHASING COOPERATIVE

The SCOOP agreement with books, furniture, and equipment vendors expires in June 2006. A statewide library committee contacted vendors and compiled a new agreement for the three year period from July 2006 to June 2009. To cut down on costs, the agreement will only be available online instead of being distributed in printed form. Libraries were mailed a password in order to access the online agreement.

## STANDARDS FOR PUBLIC LIBRARIES

Maine's public library standards have not been revised since 2000. Many new developments have occurred since then to necessitate updating the seven chapters about collections, personnel, buildings and other areas. A statewide committee consisting of library representatives from rural and large public libraries held many meetings around the state to discuss proposed changes with library staff members and trustees. The District Consultants also met with regional groups to solicit ideas and obtain feedback. The statewide committee expects to complete their work during 2006.

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## STATEWIDE COMMITTEES

### Maine Library Excellence Award

**Sally Bannen** (Maine Library Association representative), Windham Public Library; **Sue Moseley** (Friends of Maine Libraries representative), Hallowell; **Andrea Jackson-Darling**, Camden Public Library; **Steve Nichols** (Maine Library Trustee Association representative), West Buxton; EX OFFICIO: **Benita Davis**, Northeastern Maine Library District, Bangor; **Bonnie Dwyer**, Central Maine Library District, Augusta; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District, Portland; and Bill Wahl, Casco Public Library (trustee representative).

### Public Relations Statewide Committee

**Marjorie Anderson**, Mercy Hospital, Portland; **Penny Brown**, Livermore Falls Library; **Benita Davis**, Northeastern Maine Library District; **Kevin Davis**, South Portland Branch Library; **Rachel Davis**, Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth; **Shelly Davis**, University of Maine/Farmington; **Bonnie Dwyer**, Central Maine Library District; **Diane DuBois**, Caribou Public Library; **Inese Gruber**, Windham Public Library; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Carolyn Hughes**, University of Southern Maine, Portland; **Lisa Joyce**, Portland Public Library; **Kathy Kigin**, Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook; **Lynn McCarthy**, Riverton School, Portland; and **Sarah Sugden**, Waterville Public Library.

### Reading Round-Up

**Rita Bouchard**, St. Mary's School, Augusta; **Nancy Diamond**, Manchester Elementary School; **Jan Hamilton**, Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland; **Shirley Helfrich**, Southern Maine Library District; **Sarah O'Sullivan**, Lithgow Public Library, Augusta; **Virginia Rundell**, North Gorham Public Library; and **Wende Sairio**, Longfellow School, Brunswick [Chair]

**MEMBERSHIP** [157: 70 public, 49 school systems (190 individual schools), 8 academic, 30 special libraries]

### **Public Libraries**

Acton Public Library ~ Baxter Memorial Library, Gorham ~ Berry Memorial Library, Bar Mills ~ Berwick Public Library ~ Bolsters Mills Village Library, Harrison ~ Bonney Memorial Library, Cornish ~ Bridgton Public Library ~ Brownfield Public Library ~ Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin ~ Cape Porpoise Library ~ Casco Public Library ~ Caswell Public Library, Harrison ~ Charlotte E. Hobbs Memorial Library, Lovell ~ Chebeague Island Library ~ Cliff Island Stone Library ~ Community Library, Lyman ~ Cundy's Harbor Library, Harpswell ~ Curtis Memorial Library, Brunswick ~ D. A. Hurd Library, North Berwick ~ Davis Memorial Library, Limington ~ Denmark Public Library ~ Dyer Library, Saco ~ Falmouth Memorial Library ~ Freeport Community Library ~ Fryeburg Public Library ~ Goodall Memorial Library, Sanford ~ Graves Memorial Library, Kennebunkport ~ Gray Public Library ~ Hollis Center Public Library ~ Kennebunk Free Library ~ Kezar Falls Circulating Library ~ Lebanon Area Library, East Lebanon ~ Libby Memorial Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Limerick Public Library ~ Long Island Community Library ~ McArthur Public Library, Biddeford ~ Merrill Memorial Library, Yarmouth ~ Naples Public Library ~ New Gloucester Public Library ~ North Bridgton Public Library ~ North Gorham Public Library ~ Ocean Park Library, Old Orchard Beach ~ Ogunquit Memorial Library ~ Orr's Island Library, Harpswell ~ Parsons Memorial Library, Alfred ~ Parsonsfield Public Library ~ Portland Public Library\* ~ Prince Memorial Library, Cumberland Center ~ Raymond Village Library ~ Rice Public Library, Kittery ~ Richville Library, Sebago Lake ~ Salmon Falls Village Library, Hollis Center ~ Scarborough Public Library ~ Shapleigh Community Library ~ Soldiers Memorial Library, Hiram ~ South Berwick Public Library ~ South Portland Public Library ~ Spaulding Memorial Library, Sebago ~ Springvale Public Library ~ Steep Falls Library ~ Thomas Memorial Library, Cape Elizabeth ~ Village Library and Reading Room, Newfield ~ Walker Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Warren Memorial Library, Westbrook ~ Waterboro Public Library, East Waterboro ~ Wells Public Library ~ West Buxton Public Library ~ William Fogg Library, Eliot ~ Windham Public Library ~ York Public Library

### **School Libraries**

Acton Schools ~ Arundel Schools ~ Berwick Academy, South Berwick ~ Biddeford Schools ~ Breakwater School, Portland ~ Bridgton Academy, North Bridgton ~ Cape Elizabeth Schools ~ Cathedral Grammar School, Portland ~ Catherine McAuley High School, Portland ~ Cheverus High School, Portland ~ Falmouth Schools ~ Freeport Schools ~ Fryeburg Academy ~ Gorham Schools ~ Gov. Baxter School for the Deaf, Falmouth Foreside ~ Greater Portland Christian School, Portland ~ Kittery Schools ~ Levey Hebrew Day School, Portland ~ Merriconeag School, South Freeport ~ New Country School, West Baldwin ~ North Yarmouth Academy, Yarmouth ~ Old Orchard Beach Schools ~ Portland Schools ~ Raymond Schools ~ St. Patrick's School, Portland ~ St. Thomas School, Sanford ~ Sanford Schools ~ Scarborough Schools ~ South Portland Schools ~ Thornton Academy, Saco ~ Waynflete School, Portland ~ Westbrook Schools ~ Windham Schools ~ Windham R.E.A.L. School ~ Yarmouth Schools ~ York Schools ~ SAD #6 (Buxton, Hollis, Limington, Standish) ~ SAD #15 (Gray, New Gloucester) ~ SAD #35 (Eliot, South Berwick) ~ SAD #51 (Cumberland, North Yarmouth) ~ SAD #55 (Baldwin, Cornish, Hiram, Parsonsfield, Porter) ~ SAD #57 (Alfred, Limerick, Lyman, Newfield, Shapleigh, Waterboro) ~ SAD #60 (Berwick, Lebanon, North Berwick) ~ SAD #61 (Bridgton, Casco, Naples, Sebago) ~ SAD #62 (Pownal) ~ SAD #71 (Kennebunk, Kennebunkport) ~ SAD #72 (Brownfield, Denmark, Fryeburg, Lovell) ~ Union #7 (Dayton, Saco) ~ CSD #18 (Wells, Ogunquit)

### **Academic Libraries**

Andover College, Portland ~ Maine College of Art, Portland ~ New England Bible College, South Portland ~ St. Joseph's College, Windham ~ Southern Maine Community College, South Portland ~ University of New England, Biddeford/Westbrook ~ University of Southern Maine, Portland/Gorham ~ York County Community College, Wells

### **Special Libraries**

Bernstein, Shur, Sawyer & Nelson, Portland ~ Bridgton Hospital ~ Cleaves Law Library, Portland ~ Cumberland County Jail, Portland ~ Drummond, Woodsum, Plimpton & MacMahon, Portland ~ First Baptist Church of Yarmouth ~ Foundation for Blood Research, Scarborough ~ Donald J. Garbrecht Law Library, Portland ~ General Theological Center of Maine, Portland ~ Goodall Hospital, Sanford ~ Greater Portland Landmarks, Inc. ~ Harding ESE, Portland (formerly ABB Environmental Services, Inc.) ~ Historical Society of Wells/Ogunquit Genealogical Library ~ Jones Museum, Tinney Memorial Library, Douglas Hill-Sebago ~ Lakes Center Library, Bridgton ~ Long Creek Development Center, South Portland (formerly Maine Youth Center) ~ Maine Correctional Center, South Windham ~ Maine Historical Society, Portland ~ Maine Medical Center, Portland ~ Mercy Hospital, Portland ~ Mid Coast Hospital, Brunswick ~ Old York Historical Society, York ~ Perkins, Thompson, Hinckley, Keddy, Portland ~ Portland Museum of Art ~ Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, Kittery ~ Sappi Fine Paper, Westbrook ~ Shaker Library, Poland Spring ~ Southern Maine Medical Center, Biddeford ~ Woodard & Curran, Portland ~ York Hospital

\* Area Reference and Resource Center for the Southern Maine Library District

## MAINE REGIONAL LIBRARY SYSTEM HIGHLIGHTS 2005 – 2006



Author Paul Janeczko at the April 13, 2006 Reading Round-Up of Children's and Young Adult Literature Conference, Augusta Civic Center



Southwest Harbor Librarian Candy Emlen, Reader Dog Kelvin and his trainer M.J. Penn at the CMLD/SMLD Spring Council Meeting May 19, 2006



Marian Peterson, director of the South Portland Public Library, accepts the 2005 Maine Library Excellence Award at the Maine Libraries Conference in October 2006. The library received the award for its Adult Summer Reading Program.



Statewide Public Relations Annual Committee Meeting, Belfast Free Library, July 22, 2005



Governor Baldacci and Augusta Librarian Elizabeth Pohl – Hall of Flags, Augusta January 11, 2006



# Libraries of the Month

## July 2005 – June 2006



*From left to right: (top row) Brown Memorial Library, East Baldwin; Brownfield Public Library; Yarmouth Elementary School; (2<sup>nd</sup> row) Greely Middle School, Cumberland; Berwick Public Library; Maine Women Writers Collection, Westbrook College Campus, UNE; (3<sup>rd</sup> row) The Portland Room, Portland Public Library; Wells Elementary School; Yarmouth High School; (bottom row) Mid Coast Hospital Health Sciences Library, Brunswick; Kennebunk Elementary School; New Gloucester Public Library*